development programmes are being taken up during the IXthe Plan period for development of sericulture. No separate State-wise allocations are made. The expenditure would be dependent on the proposals received from the State Government by the CSB. For the current financial year a provision of Rs. 10.26 crores has been kept for these schemes.

- (d) and (e) A Regional Development Office of Central Silk Board is already functioning in Guwahati.
- (f) These are set up at the discretion of the State Governments and the exact number of Committees in not known.

State-wise breakup of expenditure for the VIIIth Plan period

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SI.No.	State	Expenditure	(Rs.in crores)
1.	Andhra Pradesh		22.77
2.	Arunachal Pradesh		0.93
3.	Assam		21.32
4.	Bihar		24.56
5.	Delhi		4.31
6.	Gujarat		1.79
7.	Haryana		1.21
8.	Himachal Pradesh		0.58
9.	Jammu & Kashmir		15.62
10.	Ka rnataka		136.59
11.	Kerala		5.60
12.	Madhya Pradesh		10.60
13.	Maharashtra		8.90
14.	Manipur		2.80
15.	Meghalaya		2.60
16.	Mizoram		0.20
17.	Nagaland		0.41
18.	Orissa		12.20
19.	Punjab		0.24
20.	Rajasthan		3.43
21.	Sikkim		4.25
22.	Tamil Nadu		24.75
23.	Tripura		0.28
24.	Uttar Pradesh		16.34
25 .	West Bengal		45.52
26 .	General Investment		31.26
	Total		397.06

[English]

Foreign Investment Institutions

2758. SHRI RAMASHRAYA PRASAD SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the SEBI has issued permission to three FII (Foreign Investment Institutions) to invest 20.30 crore Dollars (U.S) in India through credit medium;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government have taken any action in this regard; and
 - (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) and (b) The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) through a Press Release dated 9.11.96 published Guidelines permitting Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs), who register themselves with SEBI separately as 100% Debt Funds, to invest in Indian securities markets to the extent of 100% in listed or to be listed corporate debt securities and dated Government securities. Details of approvals granted by SEBI to FII Debt Funds through 100% Debt route during 1996-97 and 1997-98 (upto 9th May 1997) are as follows:

No. of FII Debt	Investment limit approved
Funds approved	US \$ Million
9	1178.0
3	490.0

(c) and (d) FII investments in debt securities through the 100% debt route are subject to ceiling and are monitored and operated within the yearly overall cap determined for External Commercial Borrowings.

SBI Regional Office at Maharashtra

2759. SHRI ANANT GUDHE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there was a proposal to establish regional office of State Bank of India at Amravati-Divisional Headquarter in Vidarbha region of Maharashtra and assessment report was called for;
- (b) If so, the details thereof and the present status of the action taken and reasons for delay in implementation of the report;
- (c) whether in terms of central location and other positive and supporting factors the Government would provide for establishment of Regional Office of State Bank and other nationalised banks at Amravati to render effective and customer friendly services in 4 districts of Amravati division; and
 - (d) the present status of fresh action plan under